

July 21, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council  
Members of the MAG Management Committee  
Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee  
Other Community Representatives

FROM: Terry Johnson, MAG

SUBJECT: AGENCY / COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE MAG GRAND AVENUE  
NORTHWEST CORRIDOR STUDY

Friday, July 28, 2000 - 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

An Agency / Community Forum has been scheduled for the time and place noted above for the Maricopa Association of Governments' Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study. You are invited to attend this Forum or to send a representative. Your input at this stage of the study is critical to its success. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

On June 21, 2000, the selection of the consulting firm URS Corporation to conduct the study was approved by the MAG Regional Council. The first task in the project is to review the scope of work (see the attached) and make changes as needed. This is also an opportunity to provide available reports and other data and information, such as suggested additions to the mailing list for future public meetings, to the consultant for their use in the project. If you have material that you would like the consultant to consider, it would be helpful if you could provide a copy of the document(s) at the Forum for the consultant's use in the project.

The scope of the study covers the northwest portion of Grand Avenue, from Loop 101 to Loop 303. The study corridor is approximately two miles wide and includes major intersections on each side of Grand Avenue. Multimodal options and diversion routes will be addressed.

The study will be conducted in three main phases. In the first phase of this study, a broad review of current plans and studies for or relating to this segment of Grand Avenue will be conducted. Key issues will be identified and specific goals and policies developed to address them. In the next phase of the study, long term road needs and associated multi-modal options will be identified and design concepts developed.

In the final phase of the study, options for road and transit will be developed and assessed according to criteria developed in this study and using the results of the assessment of road and multi-modal needs. A recommendation will be made for a preferred concept.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Voigt or me at (602) 254-6300. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Attachment

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

1.     Introduction
2.     Project Overview  
An overview of the planned project will be presented.
3.     Input from Agency and Other Community Representatives  
Input will be requested from agency and community representatives that have been invited to the Forum.
4.     Call to the Public  
An opportunity will be given for members of the public to address the Forum. Speakers will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments
5.     Next Steps  
The scope of work and schedule will be revised as needed considering the input received at this Forum. Work will be begin immediately following the completion of any necessary revisions to the contract following this Forum.